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For: LIGHT SOURCE DRIVE, OPTICAL  
INFORMATION RECORDING  
APPARATUS, AND OPTICAL  
INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD

Examiner: T. N. Nguyen

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:


In response to the election of species requirement, mailed on March 8, 2005, Applicant hereby elects the species identified corresponding to Figure 3 of the present application. At least claims 2-9, and 33-56 are readable on the elected species.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than two species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof  
are respectfully requested.

Dated: April 8, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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